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8. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein the broadcast signal is part of a subscription service and information relating to e-mail accounts is linked to information relating to the subscription service.

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9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the notification message comprises an identifier of the recipient of the e-mail.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the notification message comprises an identifier of the sender of the e-mail.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the notification message comprises at least part of the text of the e-mail.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the notification message is sent to a receiver/decoder.

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14. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising storing preferences selected by the user.

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15. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising notifying the user of a selected number of e-mails.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the broadcast signal is a digital data stream.

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21. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising transmitting at least part of the e-mail in the broadcast signal.

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26. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 further comprising means for storing information relating to e-mail accounts.

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28. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the broadcast signal is part of a subscription service and information relating to e-mail accounts is linked to information relating to the subscription service.

29. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the notification message comprises an identifier of the recipient of the e-mail.

30. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the notification message comprises an identifier of the sender of the e-mail.

31. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the notification message comprises at least part of the text of the e-mail.

32. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 further comprising means for storing preferences selected by the user.

33. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the apparatus is adapted to notify the user of a selected number of e-mails.

34. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the broadcast signal is a digital data stream.

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37. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the apparatus is adapted to send at least part of the e-mail in the broadcast signal.

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43. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 41 wherein the receiver/decoder has a smartcard number and the identifier comprises at least part of the smartcard number.

44. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 41 wherein the receiver/decoder generates a signal indicating the receipt of e-mail by the mail centre.

45. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 41 wherein the receiver/decoder generates a signal for displaying at least part of the notification message.

48. (Amended) System for notifying a user of the receipt of e-mail comprising an apparatus for notifying a user of the receipt of e-mail by a mail centre and a receiver/decoder for receiving and/or decoding a broadcast signal;

the apparatus comprising means for transmitting a notification message in the broadcast signal; and

the receiver/decoder comprising means for receiving, together with the broadcast signal, a notification message for notifying the user of the receipt of e-mail by the mail centre.

Please cancel claims 49 and 50.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph [a marked-up copy of the amended Abstract is attached in Appendix B]:

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--A method of notifying a user of the receipt of an e-mail by a mail centre is described, the method including transmitting a notification message in a broadcast signal. Also